Well Decommissioning Guide

Guide to decommissioning a well, covering why it matters, who to hire and what records to keep. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Confirm the well is no longer needed
2. Locate and record the well
3. Check state rules
4. Hire a licensed contractor
5. Plan pump and equipment removal
6. Arrange sealing per state rules
7. Take photos before and after
8. Obtain the contractor's report
9. File records with the agency

YOUR NOTES

TIP Use a licensed driller, since improperly sealed wells can contaminate groundwater and be dangerous.

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